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March 29, 1991

Steve Tribble, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 910060-TP

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding on behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida are the original and 12 copies of Citizens' Opposition of the Attorney General and the Citizens to MCI's Request for Confidential Classification to be filed in this docket.

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of the Attorney General and the Public Counsel to adopt rules governing 900 services

Docket No. 910060-TP Filed: March 29, 1991

OPPOSITION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE CITIZENS TO MCI'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

The Attorney General of Florida ("Attorney General") and the Citizens of Florida ("Citizens") file this opposition to the request for confidential classification filed by MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") on March 20, 1991.

1. On February 19, 1991 the Florida Public Service Commission staff requested MCI to provide the names and addresses of its 900 information providers so that the requested information could be noticed and included in an economic impact study.

2. By letter dated March 20, 1991 MCI filed a request for confidential classification. MCI argues that a <u>compiled</u> list of all its customers constitutes a trade secret, yet MCI recognizes that "... a retail customer of MCI (or a competitor) may be able to identify one or more of the entities shown on the customer list by a review of MCI or LEC billing statements." <u>See</u> MCI March 20, 1991 request for confidential classification at 3.

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3. This Commission requires the name of information service providers to appear on the bill provided to any customer of 900 services. Anyone -- competitor or not -- can call 900 numbers and, after receiving a billing statement, learn the names of each of the information service providers. This is the "customer" whose identity MCI does not wish to be available to the public in a compiled list. The information is no trade secret because it is so readily available to anyone willing to call the 900 numbers.

4. MCI's request also goes against the thrust of a rule recently proposed by the FCC. According to a <u>Wall Street Journal</u> article appearing on Friday, March 15, 1991, the Federal Communications Commission proposed a rule on March 14, 1991 that would require long distance carriers to disclose the name, address, and customer service number of any 900 service provider to any customer who asked for the information.

5. 976 services are similar to 900 services, although transport is provided by a local exchange carrier rather than an interexchange carrier. No company providing transport to these information service providers claimed in this proceeding that a compiled list of these providers would be confidential.

6. While couched in the terms of a compiled "customer" list, the names MCI does not wish to be available to the public at large are simply those entities charging fees to customers for dialing

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900 numbers. This information is available now by calling 900 numbers and reviewing subsequent billing statements. There is no reason the compiled information should not be available to the public.

WHEREFORE, the Attorney General and the Citizens respectfully request the Commission to deny MCI's request for confidential classification filed on March 20, 1991.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail or hand-delivery to the following parties on this 29th day of March, 1991.

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